

STUB

NO. _____

This ballot should be marked with an "X" in the square before "FOR the additional levy" if you wish to vote in favor of the levy or mark an "X" in the box before "AGAINST the additional levy" if you oppose the tax levy.

School District No. _____ of _____ (County)

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Suggested Proposition

OFFICIAL BALLOT

School districts must obtain voter approval for an increase in the number of dollars budgeted for the over-BASE tax levy. Section **15-10-425, MCA**, requires the ballot proposing to increase the over-BASE levy amount to **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

<p>PROPOSITION</p> <p>Shall the district be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the general fund in the amount of \$ _____ (state the dollars) _____ which is approximately _____ (state the approximate number of mills) _____ mills for the purpose of _____ (state the purpose) _____?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$ _____ (state number of dollars) _____ and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$ _____ (state number of dollars) _____. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount each year thereafter. However, lowering over-BASE tax levies in any year will lower the amount of permissively over-BASE levies in subsequent years.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR the additional levy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST the additional levy</p>

(The ballot above presents one option. It contains all information required to be included per 15-10-425, MCA. As long as key information is contained in the ballot, trustees are allowed to use their discretion in formulating ballot language for equalized general fund elections.)

NOTE: The proposition lists an approximate number of mills, since taxable valuation and other information necessary to determine an exact number of mills are not available at the time of the election. Actual mills will commonly differ from this estimate.

15-10-425 and 20-9-353 (2), MCA